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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT : Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

1. Reference is made to this Agency's out message number 94270 dated 23 April 1968 concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

2. On 16 April Roderick Claflin BROWN, a Panamanian national born 1 July 1917 in British Honduras, voluntarily appeared at the Department of National Investigations (DENI) of the Republic of Panama and signed a deposition, the highlights of which are as follows:

(1) On 26 October 1962 he served as cook/seaman aboard the Texaco S.S. Southhampton which docked at Mobile, Alabama.

(2) While on a shore visit to the Mobile airport on the morning of 26 October 1962 in the company of two fellow Panamanian seamen, he was approached by Marvin P. LITTRELL, owner of LITTRELL Motor Co., 921-25 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama, who after ascertaining BROWN was a Panamanian seaman, asked if he knew of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

(3) LITTRELL inquired whether BROWN was interested in employment, the details of which were unspecified. He went on to describe Dr. KING as "Our greatest problem who is causing us much trouble." He gave BROWN a business card to use in the event he was interested in pursuing the employment offer.

(4) On 28 January 1963 BROWN wrote LITTRELL from New York City, stating he was interested in a job and

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requested \$75 for travel from New York City to Mobile. On 2 February 1963 BROWN received a reply from LITTRELL, restating that he had a job waiting for BROWN in Alabama, but questioning why \$75 was needed since the fare was less than \$40 by bus.

(5) After discussions with a relative and friends in New York City, BROWN suspected that the LITTRELL job offer was related with assassination plans for Dr. KING. Therefore he did not respond to the LITTRELL letter and dismissed the incident until the death of Dr. KING in April 1968. BROWN returned to Panama in 1964.

3. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the LITTRELL letter and the Spanish language deposition made by BROWN, as well as an English translation of the deposition as described in paragraph 2 of the referenced out message.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

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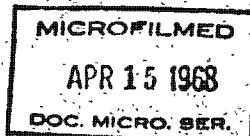
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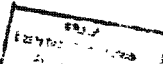
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IN ADDITION TO THE SUMMARY OF CUBAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATION TRANSMITTED IN REFERENCE, THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY FOR 8-9 APRIL HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY THE AMOIS -
ON GRANMA, 8 APRIL, PAGE ONE - JJMobilization of 55,000 troops to repress the negroes'' A THE ARTICLE REPORTED ALL THE DISTURBANCES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE U.S. AS A RESULT OF THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

WH GRANMA, 8 APRIL, PAGE 3 A JJWITH THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING THE IDEOLOGY OF NON-VIOLENCE HAS DIED'' A AN INTERVIEW WITH FLOYD MCKISSICK, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY /CORE/. JJTHIS SIMPLY MEANS THAT NON-VIOLENCE HAS CEASED AS A MEANS OF FIGHTING. THE PEOPLE CANNOT BE TAUGHT TO BE NON-VIOLENT WHILE WE ARE INVOLVED IN A VIOLENT WAR IN VIETNAM. NON-VIOLENCE CANNOT BE PREACHED TO THE BLACK PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO FACE VIOLENCE EVERY DAY ON THE STREETS OF THIS COUNTRY.'' THIS WAS SAID IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN RADIO HABANA AND FLOYD MCKISSICK. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, MCKISSICK REPLIED - JJI REPEAT THAT WE ARE MAKING NO PREDICTIONS, BUT THE
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AMERICAN NEGRO IS NOT WILLING TO CONTEMPLATE IMPASSIBLY THE ASSASSINATION OF OUR LEADERS, OUR HEROES, AND OUR PEOPLE."

EM GRANMA, 0 APRIL, PAGE 3 A ARTICLE BY JUAN HARRERO ENTITLED, "THE AMERICAN NEGROES ARE WRITING THEIR FINEST PAGE OF HEROISM." "AGAINST ALL THAT AND MUCH MORE, THE NEGROES ROSE UP TODAY IN MORE THAN SIXTY CITIES. AND IT IS LOGICAL TO EXPECT NEW PAGES OF HEROISM. STOKELY CARMICHAEL, THE NEGRO LEADER, GAVE THIS WARNING ONE DAY AFTER THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING - "WHAT HAPPENED ON THE NIGHT WE LEARNED OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN." "

RM GRANMA, 0 APRIL, PAGE 3 A "THE WIDOW OF LUTHER KING HEADS THE MARCH IN MEMPHIS." THE ARTICLE TELLS ABOUT THE MARCH AND SHOWS PHOTOGRAPHS OF IT.

IM RADIO REBELDE NEWSCAST, 1 APRIL /755 A.M./ A "A TENSE CALM REIGNS IN THE U.S. BUT IT IS A PRELUDE TO SERIOUS EVENTS. NATIONAL MOURNING DECREED BY LYNDON JOHNSON FOR YESTERDAY, 0 APRIL, MARKS A LESSENING OF DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO START UP AGAIN AT ANY MOMENT."

YM RADIO REBELDE NEWSCAST, 1 APRIL /955 A.M./ A "FORWARD WITH BLACK POWER UNTIL CAPITALIST MISERY, THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE OF HUMAN INJUSTICE, IS OVERTHROWN" SAID THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CHILE IN A CABLEGRAM SENT TO THE AMERICAN NEGRO LEADER, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING."

UM RADIO LIBERACION, 1 APRIL /1230 P.M./ A THIS NEWSCAST REFERS TO A DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH 200 LATIN AMERICAN, ASIAN, AND AFRICAN STUDENTS WERE SAID TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FRONT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN WARSAW, POLAND, AS A PROTEST OVER THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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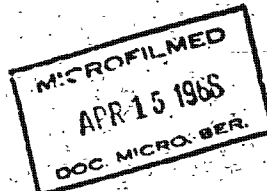
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THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CUBAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATION DURING THE PERIOD 5-8 APRIL HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE AMOTS-

1. ¹GRANMA /HAVANA DAILY NEWSPAPER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA/, 7 APRIL 68, FRONT PAGE - "LAST MINUTE NEWS - MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS, U.S.A. ACCORDING TO FIRST REPORTS, LUTHER KING HAS BEEN SHOT BY A 'WHITE WELL-DRESSED YOUNG MALE.'"

2. ²GRANMA, 7 APRIL, FRONT PAGE - "TWENTY-SEVEN PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE U.S. AS A RESULT OF THE FIGHTING WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. IN WASHINGTON ALONE THERE ARE 750 WOUNDED AND 4,186 PERSONS ARRESTED. SNIPERS CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN DIFFERENT CITIES IN THE U.S. THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CAPITOL ARE UNDER HEAVY GUARD." /FULL INFORMATION GIVEN./

3. ³EM GRANMA, 7 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "TO RICHMOND TO LIBERATE RAP BROWN." /WASHINGTON, 7 APRIL, ASSOCIATED FRENCH PRESS - AFP, FRENCH NEWS AGENCY AMX LEAFLETS WERE D'ISTRIBUTED HERE THIS MORNING, URGING THE NEGRO PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON TO GO TO RICHMOND TO LIBERATE RAP BROWN." /THE LEAFLETS CALLED ON THE NEGROES TO FORM A MOTOR-CADE AND LEAVE FOR RICHMOND TOMORROW, MONDAY."

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4. GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - ARTICLE ENTITLED "PRINCIPAL NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S.", BY JUANA CARRASCO. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - THE VIOLENT ONES AND THE NON-VIOLENT ONES. IT MENTIONS THE FOLLOWING AMONG THOSE WHICH ADVOCATE THE USE OF VIOLENCE - CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY /CORE/, STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE /SNCC/, BLACK MUSLIMS, BLACK PANTHER PARTY, BLACKSTONE RANGERS, THE ALERT PATROL, REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT /RAM/, THE BLACK GUARDS, THE DEACONS, AND "THE U.S.". THE FOLLOWING NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS ARE MENTIONED AMONG THOSE WHICH ADVOCATE NON-VIOLENCE - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE /NAACP/, NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, AND THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE /SCLC/.

5. IN GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO BLAME CARMICHAEL FOR THE OUTBREAK OF RACIAL VIOLENCE IN THE U.S."

6. IN GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "RACIAL CLASHES BETWEEN NEGRO AND WHITE AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN JAPAN."

7. IN GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "THE AMERICAN NEGRO PEOPLE."

8. IN GRANMA, 1 APRIL, LAST PAGE - "MARTYRS OF THE NEGRO STRUGGLE."

9. ON RADIO LIBERACION AND RADIO PROGRESO /HAVANA RADIO STATIONS/, 6 APRIL, 7:30 A.M. AND 12 NOON - "THE CHIEF OF THE MISSION TO CUBA OF THE SOUTH-VIETNAMESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO AFRO-AMERICANS ON THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LEADER, MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS MESSAGE SAYS THAT THE CRIME WHICH WAS COMMITTED AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING UNMASKS THE EVIL FACE OF THE RULERS AND RACISTS OF THE UNITED STATES." "THE MESSAGE OF THE VIETNAMESE MISSION IN HAVANA ENDS BY SAYING THAT, WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF LUTHER KING, ALL THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE RULERS OF THE UNITED STATES IS TO POUR OIL ONTO THE FLAMES OF THE STRUGGLE OF AFRO-AMERICANS, SECRET TELEPOUCH UFGA-29877 PAGE TWO

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AND THAT THESE FLAMES ARE RISING VIOLENTLY TO PUT AN END TO ALL THE OPPRESSION AND INJUSTICE WHICH IS FOUND IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HINDERS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.**

^{10.} QPM RADIO LIBERACION, ⁵ APRIL, ⁵ P.M. - ⁴ STOKELY CARMICHAEL, LEADER OF BLACK POWER, SAID - WE NEGROES MUST ARM OURSELVES WITH RIFLES AND PISTOLS AND LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE STREETS OF THE CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES IN REPRISAL FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION. CARMICHAEL PREDICTED THAT THERE WILL BE EXECUTIONS IN THE STREETS AS A RESULT OF KING'S ASSASSINATION. HE ALSO PREDICTED THAT THE VIOLENCE WHICH HAS BEEN UNLEASHED BY NEGROES AS A RESULT OF KING'S DEATH WILL BE PALE AS COMPARED TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN AMERICAN CITIES.**

^{11.} QPM RADIO HABANA, ⁵ APRIL, ⁵ P.M. - ¹¹ THIS /KING'S/ DEATH SHOWS ONCE AGAIN THAT THE EXPLOITED MASSES CAN ONLY ANSWER REACTIONARY VIOLENCE WITH REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE.**

^{12.} QPM RADIO PROGRESO, ⁵ APRIL, ⁵⁵⁰ P.M. - ¹¹ CARMICHAEL SAID DURING A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW THAT 'A SERIOUS MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE IN ASSASSINATING DR. KING BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN THE LEADER OF A MOVEMENT WHICH URGED THE NEGRO PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES NOT TO BURN THE CITIES, NOT TO COMMIT ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THIS MEANS THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO START AN ALL-OUT REVOLUTION.' CARMICHAEL ADDED - 'SERIOUS INCIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN 35 CITIES WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN FIRES, SHOOTING, FIGHTING, AND DEATHS AS A RESULT OF THE CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST DR. KING. NATURALLY, OTHER SIMILAR THINGS WILL TAKE PLACE. GUERRILLA WARFARE WILL RAPIDLY SPREAD THROUGH THE CITIES BECAUSE IT IS ALREADY EVIDENT THAT WE CANNOT OPENLY REBEL AGAINST THE POLICE.' STOKELY CARMICHAEL ENDED THE INTERVIEW BY SENDING AFFECTIONATE REGARDS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CUBAN PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADER, FIDEL CASTRO RUZ.**

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13. RADIO HABANA, ⁵ APRIL, ⁷ P.M. ~~A~~ ¹¹ JUAN /MARI/ BRAS, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE INTERVIEW - 'DR. LUTHER KING'S ASSASSINATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PRECIPITATE THE REBELLION OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL THE ABUSES OF WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT.' ~~11~~

¹⁴ QRM RADIO HABANA, ⁵ APRIL, ⁷ P.M. ~~A~~ ¹¹ THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE ASIAN, AFRICAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION /AALAPSO/ SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE SNCC ON THE ASSASSINATION OF LUTHER KING. 'THE AALAPSO'S MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PACIFIST ORGANIZATION ENDS AS FOLLOWS A WE BEG YOU TO EXPRESS TO THE FAMILY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND TO ALL AFRO-AMERICANS OUR DEEPEST SORROW OVER HIS DEATH, OUR DECISION TO SUPPORT YOUR STRUGGLE, AND OUR DEEP CONVICTION THAT THIS TERRIBLE CRIME--WHICH SHOWS US THAT ARMED REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE IS THE ONLY WAY OF ACHIEVING GENUINE LIBERATION--WILL HELP STRENGTHEN THE STRUGGLE OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN PEOPLE WHICH IS ALREADY AIMED IN THE DIRECTION OF A TOTAL CONFRONTATION.' ~~11~~

¹⁵ QFM RADIO HABANA, ⁵ APRIL, ⁷ P.M. ~~A~~ ¹¹ JAGUSTIN /GONZALEZ/ MARTINEZ, BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CUBA, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW - 'MAY THE TRAGIC DISAPPEARANCE OF THIS GREAT LEADER AT LEAST HELP TO SPEED UP THE ARRIVAL OF THE DAY WHEN EVERY MAN IN HIS NATION AND IN ALL OTHER NATIONS WILL BE TREATED WITH THE RESPECT WHICH IS DUE TO THEM AS HUMAN BEINGS.' ~~11~~

¹⁶ QFM RADIO HABANA, ⁵ APRIL, ⁷ P.M. ~~A~~ ¹¹ REVEREND RAFAEL PASTOR, OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LUYANO, HAVANA, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW - 'HIS BROTHERS, THE AMERICAN NEGROES, WILL LEARN MUCH FROM HIS DEATH. WE CAN ALMOST ASSURE THAT THEY, THE AMERICAN NEGROES WHOSE DIGNITY AND DECORUM HAS BEEN CRUSHED, WILL COME BACK TO LIFE AFTER CENTURIES OF LETHARGY AND

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WILL RISE FROM THEIR GRAVES AND FORM AN INVINCIBLE ARMY." ~~it~~

¹²~~QUN~~ RADIO LIBERACION, ⁵ APRIL, ⁶ P.M. ~~A~~ EDITORIAL COMMENTS
CRITICIZING THE NON-VIOLENT LINE WHICH WAS ADVOCATED BY LUTHER KING,
SAYING THAT THIS LINE WAS INOPERATIVE. ~~it~~ MARTIN LUTHER KING DID NOT
PREACH VIOLENCE BUT HE WAS THE VICTIM OF VIOLENCE. HE DID NOT
UNLEASH VIOLENCE BUT VIOLENCE MOWED HIM DOWN."

¹⁴~~QUN~~ RADIO HABANA, ⁵ APRIL 68, ⁵³⁰ P.M. ~~A~~ "JOHNSON POSTPONED
HIS TRIP. HE CALLED THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS--WHO WERE MORE OR
LESS UNDER CONTROL--TO GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE. JOHNSON APPEARED ON
TELEVISION. HE EXPRESSED HIS ANGUISH AND HIS SORROW. HE MADE
INSPIRED COMMENTS ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING. THESE ACTIONS AND THESE
WORDS HIDE FEAR OVER THE WAVE OF JUST VIOLENCE WHICH IS STARTING TO
SPREAD THROUGH THE UNITED STATES." ~~it~~ AT A TIME WHEN COMPLEX INTER-
NATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE UNDERWAY, UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS,
THIS NEW CRIME WIDENS THE CHASM WHICH DIVIDES THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES AND INCITES THE PEOPLE TO PROMOTE DISTURBANCES WHOSE
FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ARE HARD TO PREDICT." ~~it~~ THE ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING CONFIRMS THAT THE VIOLENCE OF IMPERIALIST RACISTS
IS ONLY ANSWERED EFFECTIVELY WITH THE VIOLENCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY
STRUGGLE."

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<p>1. Attached for Headquarters retention are one copy each of statements on the death of Martin Luther King by the Dominican Communist Party (PCD), the Communist 14th of June Revolutionary Movement (MR-1J4), and various trade unions. All appeared in the 7 April 1968 issue of <u>El Nacional</u>.</p> <p>2. The text of the PCD statement makes reference to the visit of Stokely Carmichael to the Latin American Solidarity Organization Conference (LASO), quotes a statement by Fidel Castro on Carmichael and the concept of "Black Power," and expresses the solidarity of the PCD with the struggle of North American Negroes. The MR-1J4 statement, only available in gist, says that King's death reveals the profound crisis existing within US society and shows that for the "racist forces," violence is the only law and is applied to internal and external enemies alike.</p> <p>3. Neither statement issues a call to violence on the part of US Negroes.</p>				
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Condenan Asesinato De Martin Luther King

Dos organizaciones izquierdistas condenaron hoy la muerte del reverendo Martin Luther King.

En comunicados separados el Partido Comunista Dominicano y el Movimiento Revolucionario 14 de Junio dicen solidarizarse con el movimiento negro de los Estados Unidos.

El PCD señala que el asesinato del líder pacifista ha tenido "justa respuesta" en la violencia desatada en las ciudades más importantes de los Estados Unidos que ha obligado a que el presidente Johnson cancelara su viaje al exterior para conversaciones de paz en Vietnam. Dice respaldar la rebelión, y los pronunciamientos del líder negro Stokely Carmichael "ya que el único camino en los Estados Unidos para librarse de la violencia de los males que padece ese pueblo es la vio-

lencia revolucionaria que derrumbará el sistema imperialista".

El PCD demandó de las organizaciones políticas y sindicales desarrollar actividades en apoyo a la lucha de los negros norteamericanos.

Por su parte el 14 de Junio consideró que el asesinato del Premio Nóbel de la Paz revela la profunda crisis en que ha entrado la sociedad norteamericana.

Demuestra, según el 14 de Junio, que para las fuerzas racistas la única ley es la violencia y que ésta es aplicada a todo enemigo interno o externo que se revele contra el imperio brutal".

Entiende la organización política que la muerte del reverendo Luther King es una gran enseñanza para los de su raza que sufren la opresión racista.

**PARTIDO COMUNISTA
DOMINICANO
(PCD)**



***¡Nuestra solidaridad plena
con la lucha de los negros
norteamericanos,
como parte que es de la lucha
de todos los oprimidos
de la tierra!***

El régimen de los monopolios imperialistas norteamericanos se conmueve por la acción de los pueblos desde fuera con Vietnam al frente, y desde dentro con el gran movimiento por los derechos civiles y por la paz. El asesinato de Luther King, será presentado como la obra de la mano fanática de un racista; pero queda clara la responsabilidad de los interesados en liquidar la acción civil por la violencia, de los interesados en imponer la mordaza a los reclamos del pueblo que cada vez más lucha organizadamente y que comprende los objetivos de esa lucha, de los monopolios imperialistas.

La violencia engendra violencia. Muchos siglos de explotación y de represión han pasado hasta que en los últimos años el negro norteamericano comienza a organizar su resistencia; y en ello el papel de Luther King es innegable, de los más altos méritos, de la más encomiable abnegación, aunque su prédica de paz no haya sido comprensible por todos los oprimidos ni la más apropiada como lo demuestra su su propia muerte.

Los negros constituyen en los Estados Unidos el sector más explotado de la clase obrera en el nivel de sueldos, en la discriminación social que asume formas raciales, en la proporción de los que participan en el ejército, en los planes de seguros sociales; por lo que la discriminación y su respuesta en la lucha por los derechos civiles tiene características esencialmente clasistas aunque asuma formas raciales, y por lo que crecientemente este fenómeno es comprendido por las propias masas blancas que apoyan los reclamos civiles de la población de raza africana marginada de la sociedad.

Creer Disturbios Influiran en Dolar

PARIS, 6 de abril. (AFP). El allido de los disturbios raciales en los Estados Unidos, cuya primera víctima ha sido el asesinato del pastor Martin Luther King, repercute en una nueva crisis del dólar, imanes hoy aquí los observados.

En efecto, el desencadenamiento de la violencia va a obstaculizar el saneamiento presupuestario,

También se comprueba ese retraso en las escuelas y centros sociales, así como la estrecha correlación que existe entre el subempleo de una inmensa masa juvenil y su disponibilidad para los disturbios raciales, agrega el ex ministro francés.

Por ello, Washington proyecta hacer adoptar rápidamente un proyecto de ley al que Martin Luther

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(ESPACIO PAGADO)

Santo Domingo, 6 de abril de 1968.

Secretariado del Comité Central del Partido Comunista Dominicano.

La muerte de Luther King no es la obra de un fanático, sino que significa la política de un grupo social poderoso. La muerte de Kennedy en poco tiempo se indultó con una minucia de nuevas y más feroces acciones del imperialismo, de un entronizamiento de la violencia en el poder estatal, que sólo será vencida con el triunfo de los pueblos. Y en esta lucha el pueblo negro norteamericano tendrá un importante papel que jugar. Juega ya un importante papel, del lado de todos los pueblos del mundo.

Nuestra solidaridad plena con la lucha de los negros norteamericanos, como parte que es de la lucha de todos los oprimidos de la tierra.

Tan sólo unos días han pasado desde el momento en que Johnson anunciara el retiro de su candidatura presidencial, para fomentar la ilusión de que los políticos llamados liberales llegarán al poder en los próximos meses con su programa de paz en Vietnam y de respeto a los derechos civiles, cuando la baja disparada contra Luther King colocara su albidio de violencia como la única de la política norteamericana inmediata. Los que tienen el poder, los monopolios armamentarios, no lo dejarán pacíficamente, no permitirán la suspensión y la derrota en la guerra de Vietnam sin resistir por todos los medios, sin plantear su propia salida de violencia a todas las masas del mundo.

Y es que de ese sector negro, por ser el sector más explotado y reprimido, más brutalmente maltratado en Estados Unidos, surgirá la vanguardia revolucionaria en el seno de los Estados Unidos, y alrededor de ese movimiento revolucionario, que no surge en ese sector por problemas de raza, sino que surge por el problema social, por problema de explotación y opresión, y porque constituye ese sector el más sufrido, por la ley de la historia igual que en todas las épocas de la historia, como ocurrió con los plebeyos en Roma, con los campesinos en la Edad Media, con los obreros y los campesinos en los tiempos contemporáneos, en la sociedad americana, de ese sector oprimido surgirá el movimiento revolucionario.

Fidel Castro dijo en la clausura de la Conferencia de la Organización Latinoamericana de Solidaridad, donde Stokely Carmichael representaba a los norteamericanos organizados en el Poder Negro.

ESPASIO PAGADO

¡PROTESTAMOS POR EL ASESINATO DE MARTIN LUTHER KING!

¡SOLIDARIDAD CON LOS NEGROS EN LUCHA!

Martin Luther King, líder pacifista del movimiento negro norteamericano, Premio Nóbel de la Paz, ha sido asesinado por los opresores de su pueblo y de todos los pueblos explotados del Mundo.

SU DELITO: Luchar por la liberación de los negros, contra la discriminación racial, contra las vejaciones y la explotación que sufren sus hermanos de raza en los Estados Unidos. Es el "delito" que le cargan quienes gobiernan para el mal a todos aquellos que se rebelan, que luchan por la libertad.

La muerte de King ha conmovido al Mundo porque evidencia en forma alarmante hasta dónde pueden llegar los ricachones racistas que controlan el poder en los Estados Unidos.

La violenta rebeldía de los negros y de todos los demócratas comienza de nuevo a estremecer la sociedad norteamericana.

La solidaridad internacional con su causa se expresa en múltiples formas.

Y nosotros, los obreros dominicanos, elevamos nuestra voz de protesta y llamamos a la solidaridad activa con toda manifestación de lucha, que dentro y fuera de los Estados Unidos, exprese el repudio a ese hecho bochornoso.

Adoptamos esta actitud conscientes de que al sumarnos a la protesta mundial nos colocamos junto al sector más oprimido y vejado de la clase obrera norteamericana: los trabajadores negros. Y de que nos situamos de frente a los poderosos que con hipocresía unos y con cinismo otros, dicen lamentar la muerte del líder negro, mientras preparan las bayonetas para tratar de aplastar la lucha desencadenada.

Nada han hecho los gobernantes y oligarcas de nuestra tierra en protesta por el asesinato de Luther King. Duelos interminables hubieran realizado si la acción justiciera de los pueblos hubiera terminado con la vida de Johnson o de otro magnate de la explotación imperialista. Pero Luther King era un representante de los negros explotados, un luchador por los derechos civiles de los negros que a su entender no merecía homenaje alguno.

Sin embargo, Luther King tiene en nosotros a sus representantes dominicanos, a los que encarnamos en esta tierra los intereses del trabajo y del progreso de toda la humanidad. Y por eso, en esta ocasión, también damos un paso al frente:

Llamamos a todos los hombres honestos de nuestra Patria a manifestar su solidaridad con la causa de los negros norteamericanos.

Llamamos a las demás organizaciones de trabajadores a repudiar el asesinato de Luther King y a solidarizarse con la lucha de los negros norteamericanos.

Llamamos a la Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo y a los ayuntamientos democráticos del país, para que, amparados en su autonomía, declaren tres días de duelo por el asesinato de Luther King.

Que en las fábricas, en las escuelas, en las oficinas y en todos los centros de trabajo se rinda homenaje al líder asesinado y se exprese nuestro apoyo al pueblo negro de los Estados Unidos que es criminalmente colocado en la primera línea de fuego en Viet Nam, al mismo tiempo que en su propio país se le somete a la más cruel explotación.

MANTENGAMOS LA SOLIDARIDAD ACTIVA HASTA QUE NUESTROS HERMANOS NEGROS DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS CONQUISTEN TODOS SUS DERECHOS!

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2. On Thursday, 19 May 1966, a surveillance was instituted from Room 618 of IDEN B on adjoining Room 620, which was occupied by IDEN C and his aide IDEN D. The surveillance was initiated at 11:00 a.m. and terminated at 5:15 p.m. During the conversation between IDENS C and D and another unknown Negro male, believed to be IDEN E, references were made to the Florida gubernatorial Race; a trip to Bimini; and several miscellaneous sex experiences.

3. On 20 May 1966 a search was made of rooms 620 and 622 after IDENS C and D moved out. Forwarded under separate cover are copies of items found in the waste baskets and dressers; a hotel bill, and a list of telephone numbers which were called on 18 - 19 May 1966.

4. Of special interest among these items was a note which stated, IDEN F, please call Long Distance Operator IDEN G. IDEN H, according to IDEN A, is an identified member of the Communist Party. Also, an envelope of IDEN B with the name IDEN I. This person may have been one of the occupants of the room who remained in the company of IDENS C and D overnight.

5. JMWAVE traces were negative on all personalities mentioned above as well as those names appearing in the data forwarded under separate cover. JMWAVE has carded only those personalities who reside in the JMWAVE area.

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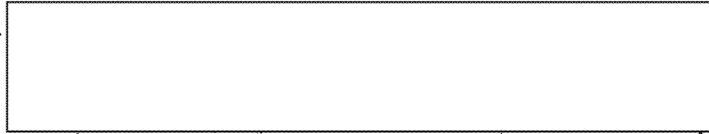
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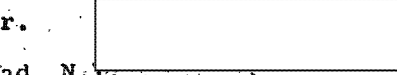
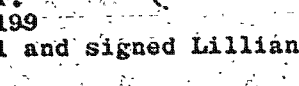

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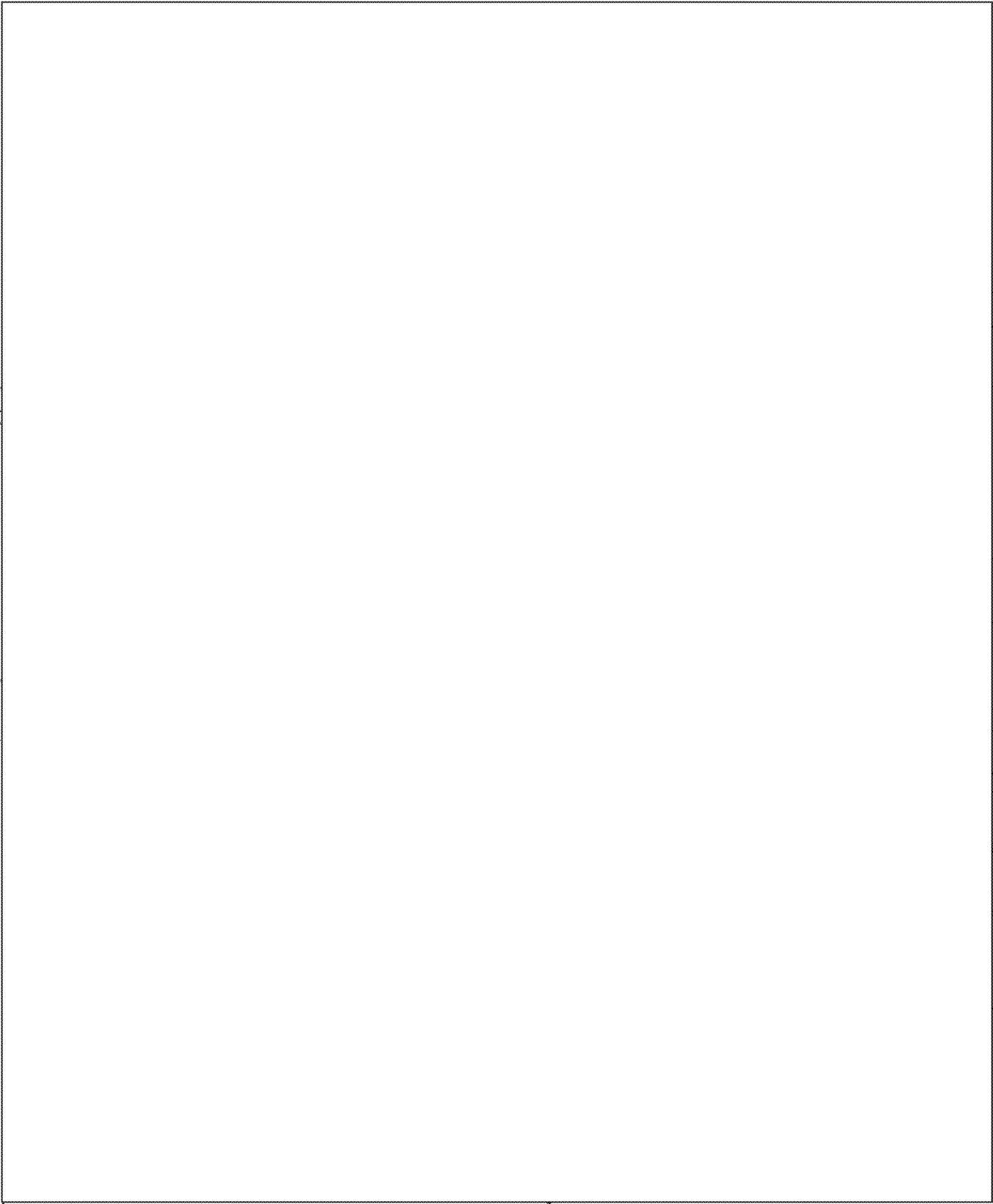


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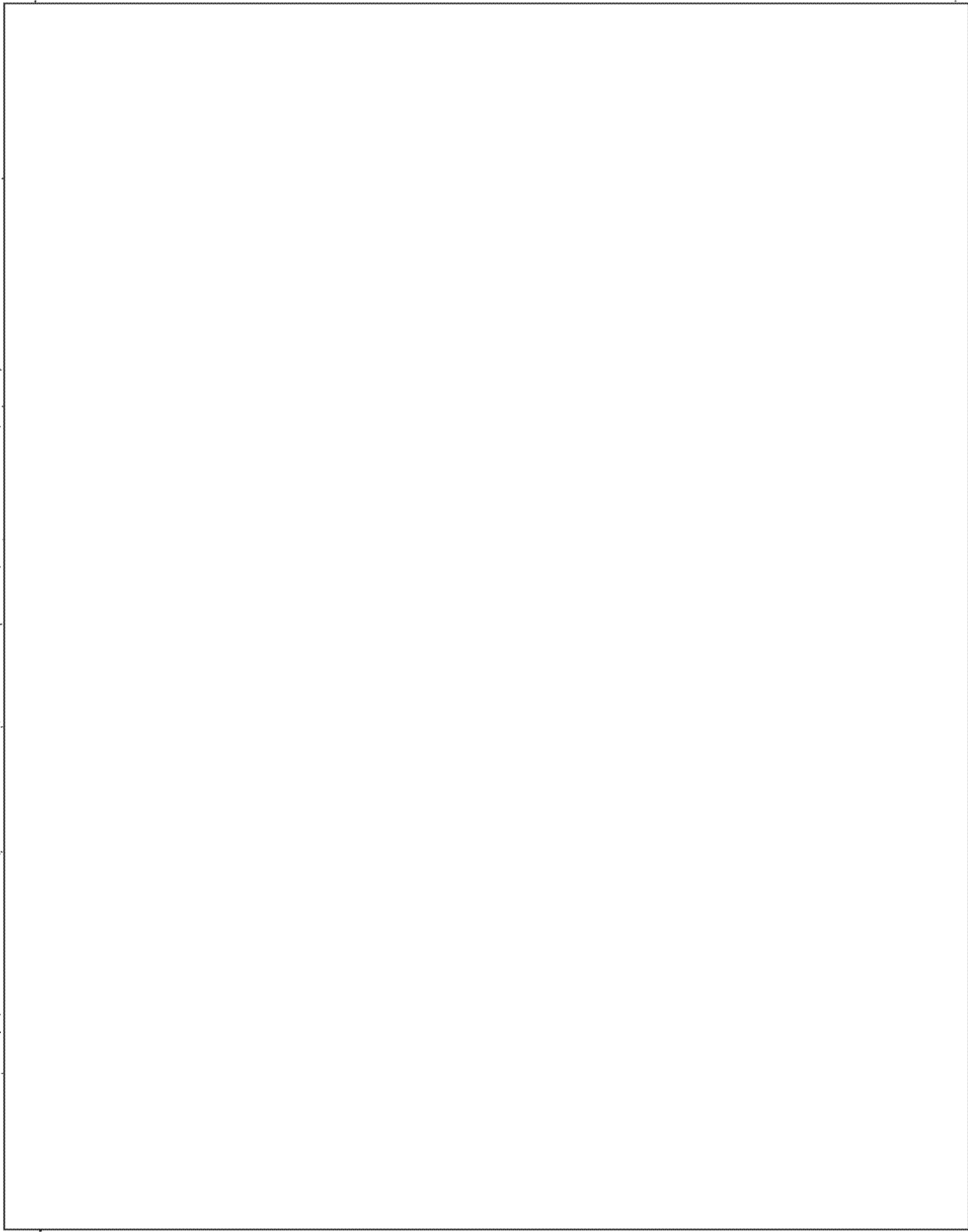
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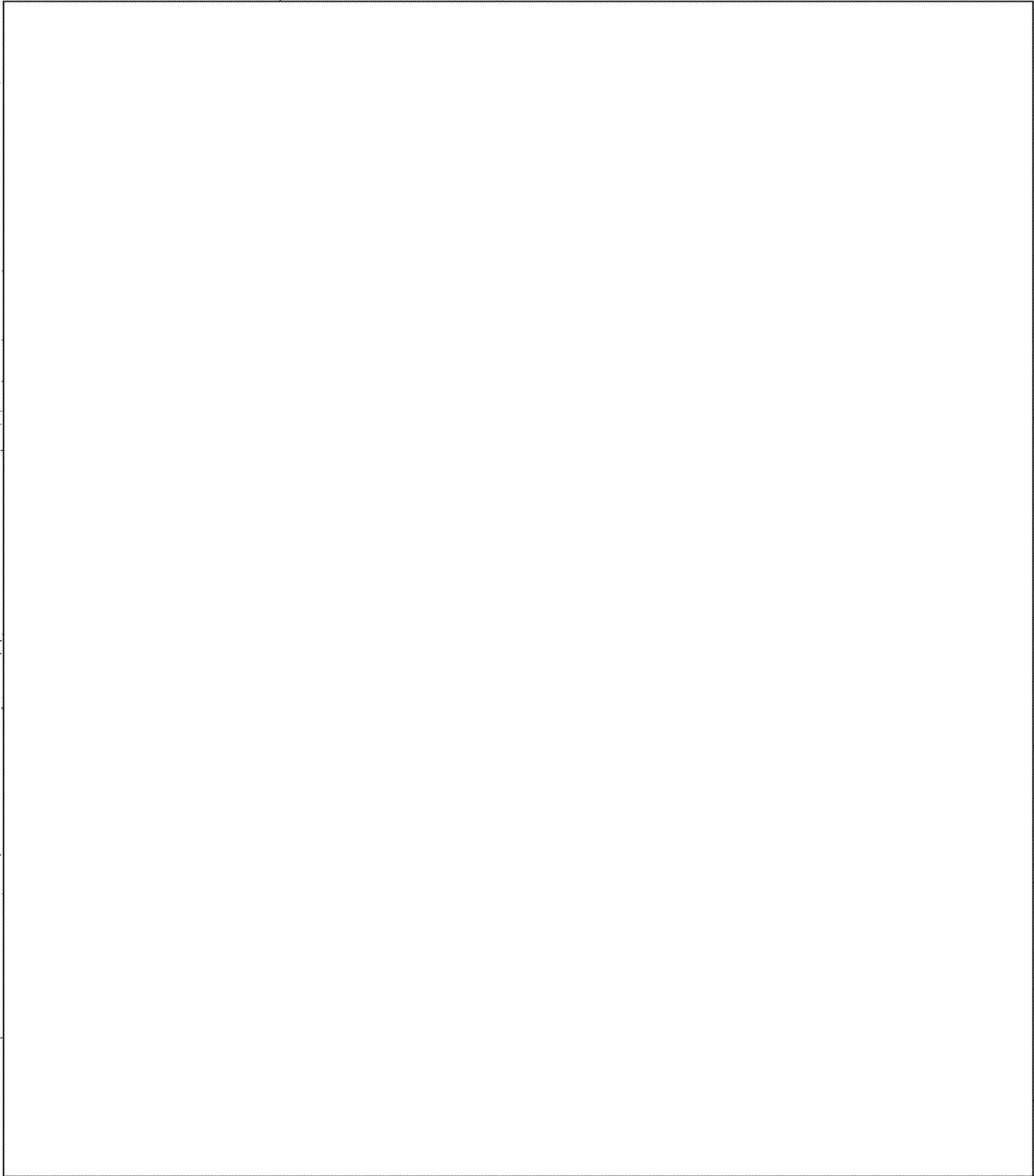
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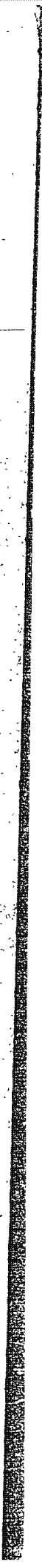
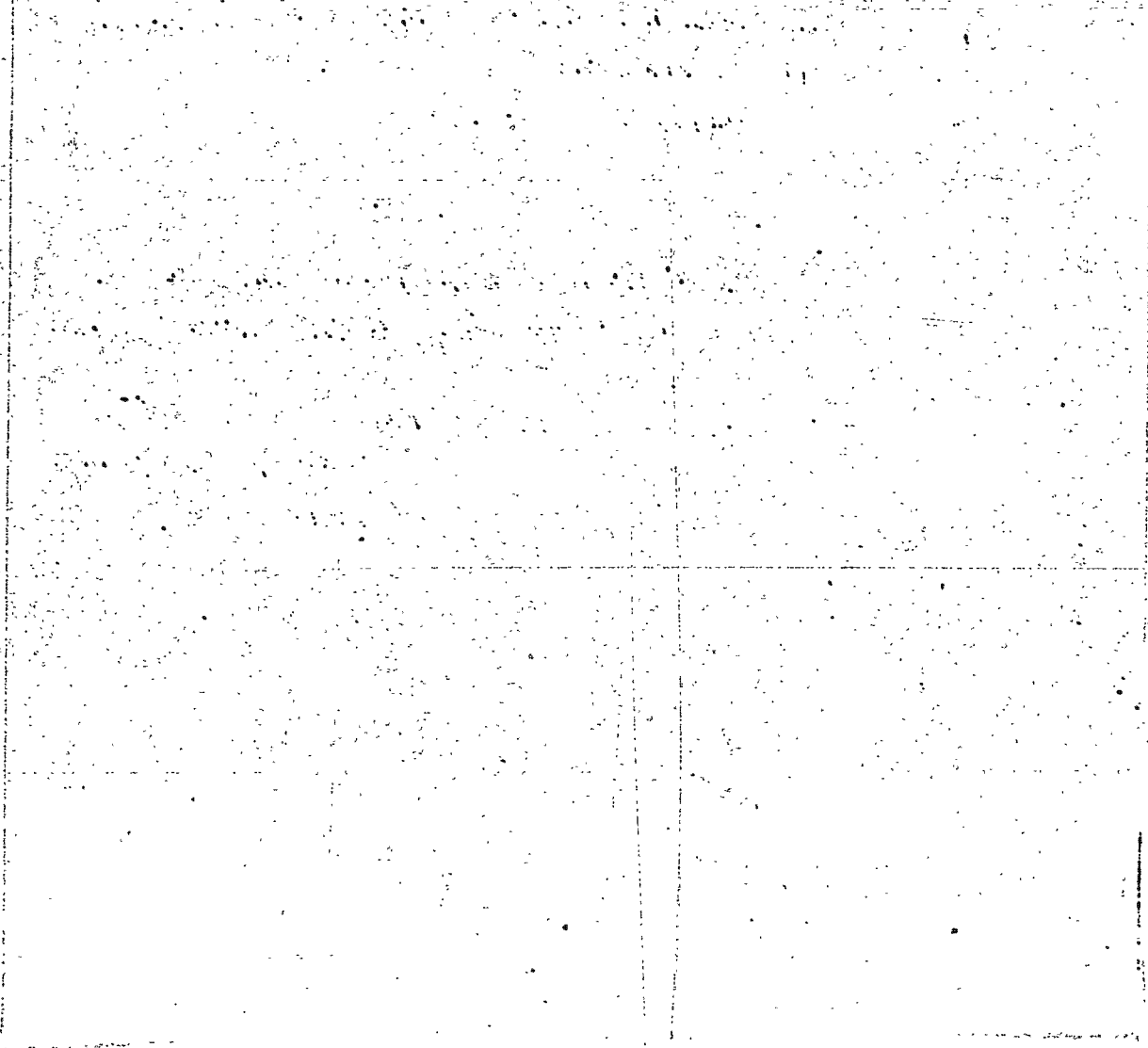
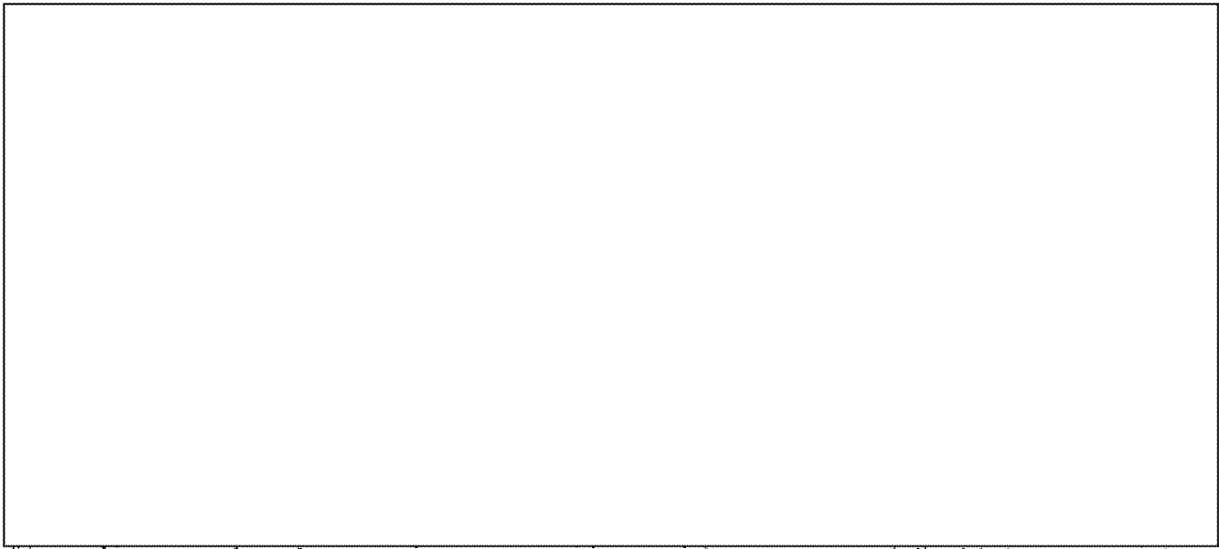
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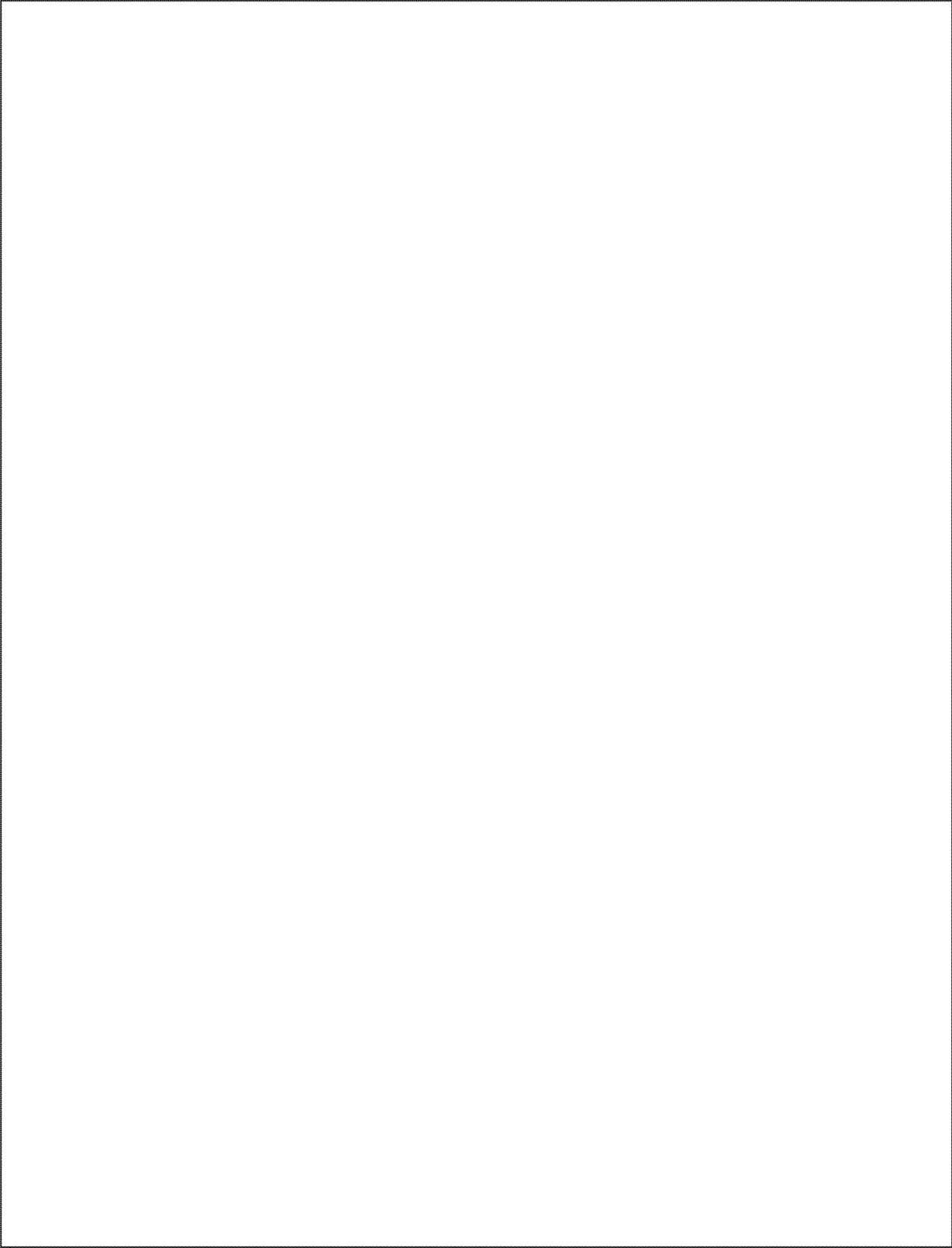


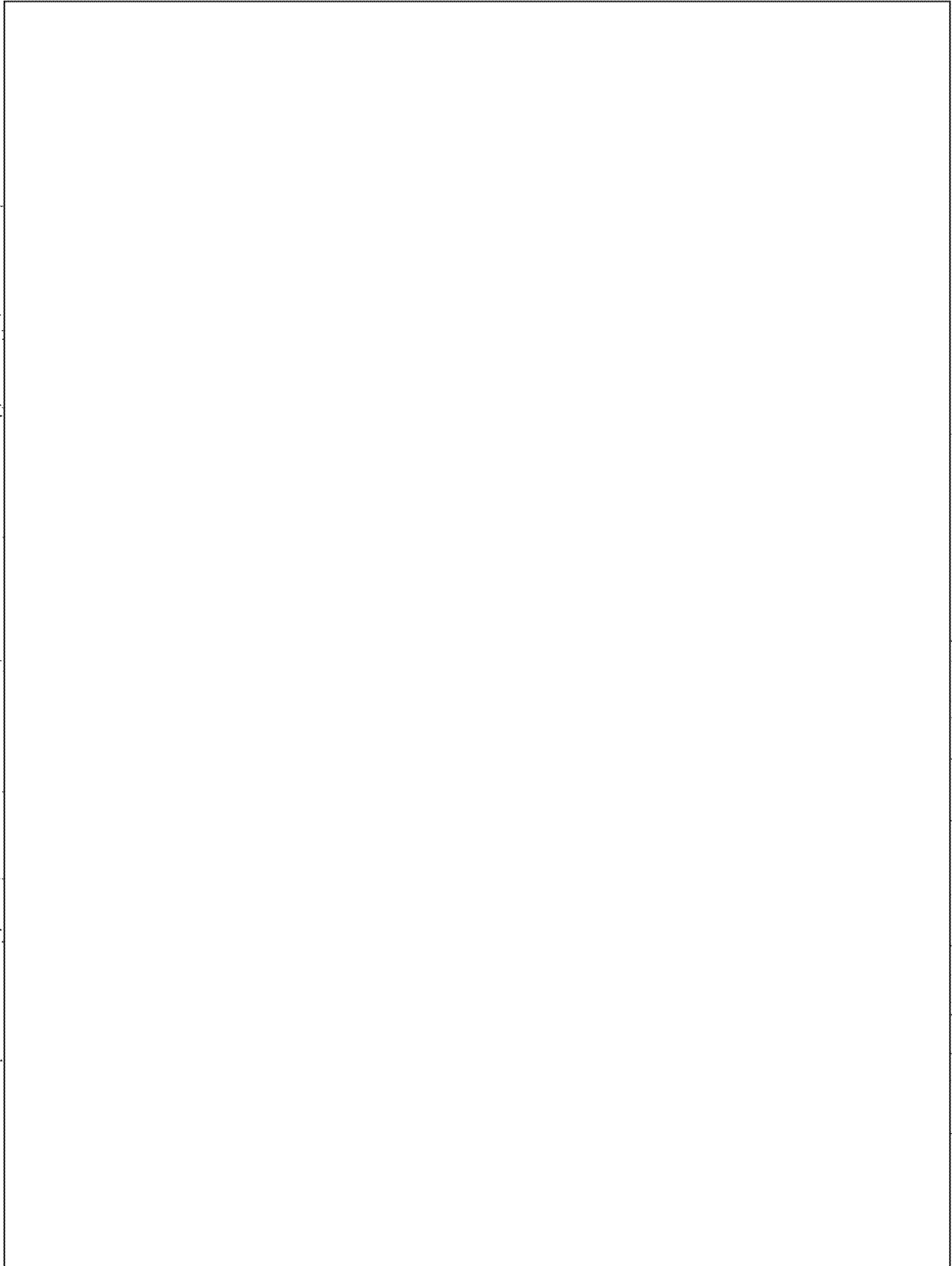












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Leon S. TOZALL

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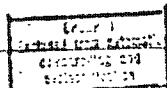
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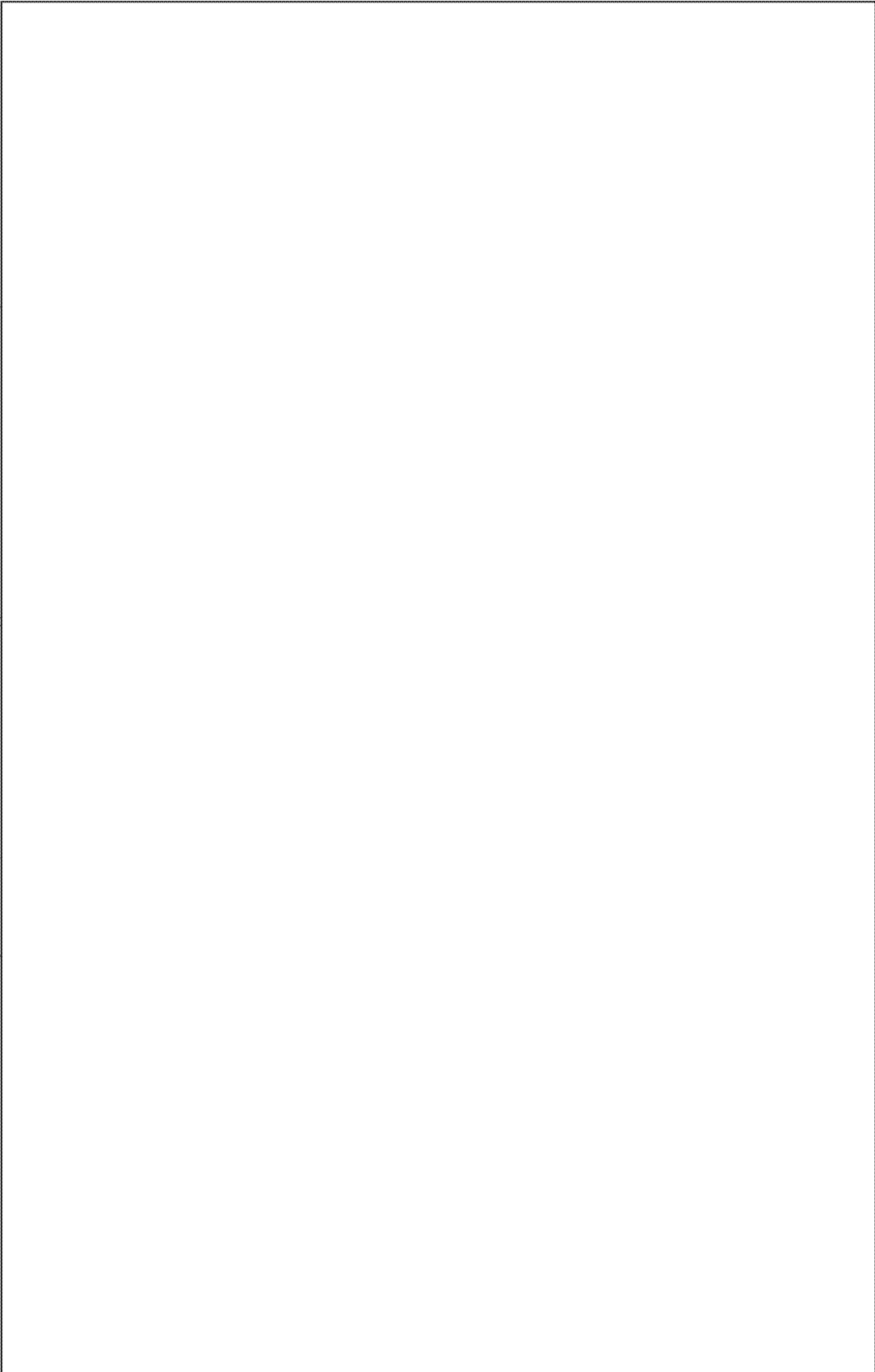
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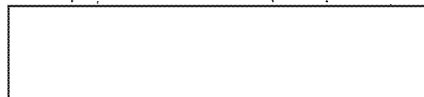
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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

REFERENCE: OIRT-6733, 20 October 1964

ACTION REQUIRED: For your information.

Forwarded herewith is a memorandum prepared for PRESLAND's information concerning an article attributed to Martin Luther KING that appeared in the 22 October issue of the PCI organ, Vie Nuove. Also forwarded is a copy of the 24 October issue of Rinascita which reprints on its last page an article by KING that, according to an editorial note, was originally published in The Nation.



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SUBJECT: Article by Martin Luther King in Vie Nuove,
22 October 1964.

1. The article entitled "What We Negroes Ask of the President" and attributed to Martin Luther King, published on pages 15 and 17 of the 22 October 1964 issue of the Italian Communist Party organ Vie Nuove, is a straightforward expression of the hopes and aspirations of the American Negro population and of its determination to continue the struggle by non-violent means until full social and economic equality has been obtained. The article does not contain anything which could be considered as typical communist propaganda nor anything that seems to be directed specifically to a communist audience. The article, under King's byline, would be perfectly proper for any American publication.

2. At the beginning of the article, Vie Nuove includes the following editorial comment:

The racial problem is one of the subjects that most divides the American states in this presidential election. This article, by Martin Luther King, that we published exclusively, illuminates its most dramatic aspects and expresses the requests that the colored population advances to the entire nation. It is a denunciation of the inequality of rights that goes beyond the secular racial question. The "you must respect my person" is a request that the problem of Democracy poses for everyone.

3. Despite the date of its publication the article appears to have been written some months ago. This is evident from King's reference in the article to the fact that the Civil Rights Bill was before Congress at the time he was writing the article. The Bill, it will be recalled, was enacted into law on 2 July 1964. The conclusion to be drawn from this is that the article's appearance in Vie Nuove or at least, its composition by King, is not the direct result of any contacts that King may have had with PCI officials during his visit to Rome in mid-September.

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Le decisioni di Mosca, per l'importanza dell'avvenimento, per il peso che esso è chiamato ad avere nelle prospettive della vita sovietica e del movimento operaio internazionale, non potevano non suscitare interrogativi, non diventare argomento di riflessione e di dibattito ben oltre le frontiere dell'Unione Sovietica. La procedura di quelle decisioni e il modo contraddittorio, tale da lasciare ancora vaste zone d'ombra, col quale sono state comunicate, hanno certo determinato una certa incertezza e suscitato incertezze

è che l'affanno della crisi del centro-sinistra e del naufragio delle sue prospettive politiche impedisce a certi democratici e a taluni socialisti di guardare al di là dei voti delle prossime elezioni municipali, anche quando si tratta della prospettiva mondiale. Con il risultato, crediamo, di non veder chiaro né quello che può accadere nel mondo, né quello che accadrà nel municipio.

A noi spetta ribadire, anche in questa occasione, una politica che ci pare fondamentale

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Carri armati a Jackson

di Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King jr., leader del movimento integrazionista antirazzista è stato insignito del premio Nobel della pace. Dall'ultimo dei suoi rapporti annuali sullo stato della lotta delle popolazioni americane di colore, pubblicato su The Nation stralciamo la parte centrale in cui vengono affrontati i problemi di tattica e strategia della battaglia ancora in corso. Anche i disegni che illustrano la pagina sono ripresi da The Nation.

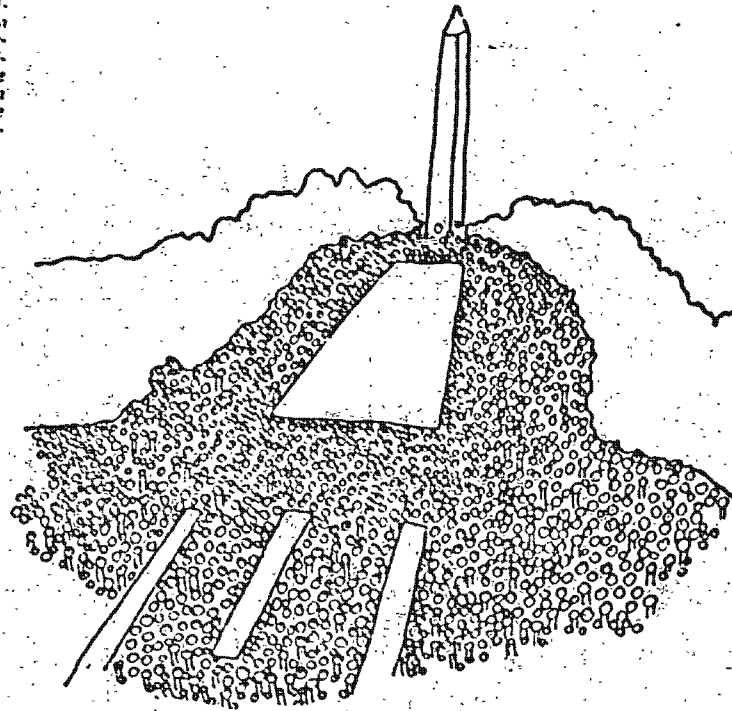
Per molti anni, nel passato, la lotta per i diritti dei negri è stata ostacolata da una confusa molteplicità di tattiche. Nel primo periodo del governo Kennedy, si è sostenuto che l'azione governativa era uno strumento più efficace di quella legislativa; si affermò che le leggi esistevano ma non erano applicate, e che pertanto un più energico intervento governativo sarebbe bastato a determinare profondi cambiamenti.

Prima ancora che il movimento per i diritti civili impostasse una seria campagna in quella direzione, l'emergenza di un movimento rivoluzionario di massa concentrò di nuovo l'attenzione sull'iniziativa legislativa; e da allora l'istanza fondamentale cui l'opinione pubblica guarda è il Congresso.

Gli atti legislativi, come le sentenze dei tribunali, affermano un diritto, ma non lo attuano automaticamente: in ultima analisi, sarà l'azione governativa a determinare l'effetto pratico delle leggi. Quanto possano essere illusori gli effetti benefici dei provvedimenti legislativi è esemplificato dal fatto che, da molti anni, una legge federale ha autorizzato la creazione di uffici elettorali federali per l'iscrizione degli elettori in quelle zone in cui il diritto di voto è violato; eppure, ancor oggi nessuno di quegli uffici ha iscritto un solo elettore negro. Un esempio ancor più clamoroso di carenza governativa, come ha messo in rilievo il dottor Howard Zinn, è che nemmeno la legislazione sui diritti civili approvata nel 1866 è stata mai applicata nel Sud. Il codice penale americano, al titolo 10, sezioni 241 e 242, stabilisce che un funzionario il quale neghi a un cittadino l'esercizio dei suoi diritti costituzionali, o chiunque agisca con questo obiettivo, commette un delitto, ma le violazioni di questo articolo sono ben più numerose dei rari casi in cui il ministero della Giustizia ne ha invocato l'applicazione.

Il fatto è che la legislazione federale è violata nel Sud in modo così massiccio che non è esagerazione affermare che l'unità federale del paese è poco più di un'illusione. Per il negro del Sud è solo un tragico mito: è stato sfrattato, imprigionato o assassinato, e sebbene la legge federale avrebbe potuto raggiungere i colpevoli non è stato fatto nulla per diminuire l'oppressione di cui il negro è vittima.

Le violazioni più tragiche e frequenti si verificano nelle zone in cui la brutalità della polizia non ha un freno, e in cui sono in vigore leggi statali chiaramente illegali contro i negri. Molti americani bianchi del Nord non si rendono conto di quanto sia brutale il comportamento della polizia, e di quanto questo stato di cose sia generalizzato. Il Comitato per i diritti civili, dopo aver compiuto uno studio molto attento e scrupoloso, ha dichiarato che questo è



avverte questa realtà solo quando si svolgono manifestazioni negre non violente, e quindi è convinta di aver assistito a un episodio sporadico di repressione eccessiva; non si rende conto, invece, che quel tipo di comportamento da parte della polizia è abituale, e non eccezionale.

La brutalità poliziesca con la connivenza o, nel migliore dei casi, fra l'indifferenza della comunità, è una esperienza quotidiana dei negri in troppe zone del Sud. I negri vivono

in uno stato di polizia che, paradossalmente, prospera in seno a una repubblica democratica. In tale situazione, un'occasionale denuncia del governo federale, seguita da un processo che si trascinerà per anni, non può essere certo ritenuta un freno efficace e anzi, spesso, è ancor peggio della rinuncia ad agire, perché dimostra la futilità e la debolezza del potere federale.

Molti si domandano come mai le dimostrazioni e le lotte nel Sud ten-

dono a estinguersi rapidamente dopo un avvio vigoroso e una somma di eroici sacrifici: la risposta è che i negri sono stati sconfitti dalla forza bruta. Un apparato statale abituato da generazioni ad agire nella più assoluta impunità, può ricorrere all'impiego di qualsiasi strumento di potere incontrollato: un'azione legale federale, o le sporadiche e spesso inutili crisi di coscienza federali, non aiutano i negri in questa impari battaglia più di un amichevole colpo sulla spalla.

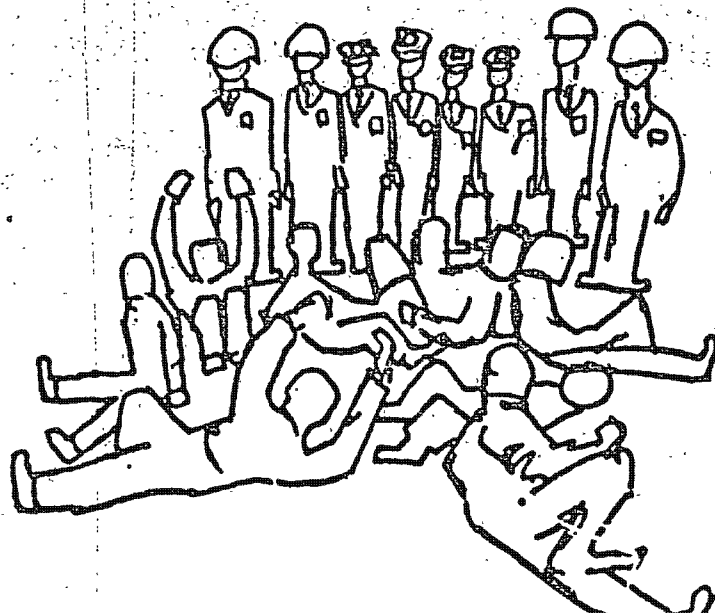
I negri hanno trovato nell'azione diretta non violenta uno strumento miracoloso contro l'impiego della forza bruta, ma non è uno strumento risolutivo. Quando la luce di migliaia di riflettori è puntata sulle violenze della polizia del Sud, pistole e manganelli vengono temporaneamente rinfoderati, ma l'impudenza del costume imperante nel Sud è tale che, nonostante sia osservata dagli occhi di milioni di testimoni, la polizia continua a impiegare contro i negri strumenti barbarici come i bastoni elettrificati per il bestiame e gli idranti ad alta pressione. E quando il delitto può essere compiuto con il favore della notte, la criminalità tocca il fondo, come testimonia la uccisione con una bomba di quattro bambini di una scuola domenicale; Assassini, mutilazioni, fustigazioni e lancio di bombe sono altre testimonianze eloquenti.

Quando i carri armati della polizia di Birmingham apparvero alla ribalta, sembrò una manifestazione grottesca, ma rara di furia poliziesca locale. Nelle settimane scorse, il sindaco di Jackson, Mississippi, si è vestito come un soldato, ha fatto preparare per la prossima estate un carro armato «Thompson» di 13.000 pound, con dodici uomini a bordo armati di fucili, mitragliatori e bombe lacrimogene, tre autocarri per il trasporto di truppe, tre autoblindo con riflettori, tre autocarri pesanti con rimorchio e circa 500 uomini, oltre a una forza di riserva di truppe statali, di impiegati dell'amministrazione comunale e di pattuglie di civili. Questo esercito locale attende le manifestazioni non violente con evidente ostilità e con la consueta facilità a far uso delle armi.

Non si può non concludere che i negri, i quali hanno dimostrato un coraggio eccezionale nella loro azione diretta non violenta, sono stati abbandonati dal più potente governo del mondo. Hanno subito la violenza per rivelare quanto profondo sia il loro dramma e per elevare la loro protesta; il governo non ha saputo invece venire in loro aiuto che con il minimo di coraggio e di decisione.

Questa contraddizione deve essere assolutamente risolta. Leggi e comitati inter-razziali non possono trasformare una comunità quando coloro i quali detengono il potere locale sanno di poter ricorrere all'uso della forza mentre il potere centrale temporeggia. Nel mondo esistono governi i quali non sono in grado di controllare alcune zone del paese, così come il governo americano di vent'anni or sono non controllava le zone abitate dalle tribù indiane. Oggi siamo vicini all'anno 2000, e la nostra potenza nazionale è quasi senza limiti; eppure, il governo non è in grado di far applicare la legge nemmeno in un piccolo, polveroso villaggio del Sud.

Il governo non ha ormai altra alternativa che affrontare in modo del tutto nuovo il problema. Il vigore del movimento per i diritti civili non è destinato a estinguersi, perché i negri riconoscono ora la loro forza reale e non rinunceranno a ricor-



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SUBJECT **KEYWAY**
Meeting of Dr. Martin Luther KING with Italian Leftist Personalities

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

For Your Information.

1. Following is a translation of a report on the subject: "The Mission of Luther KING with the Italian Left", dated 28 September 1964 and attributed to DEPLENARY/7, from Luigi PINTOR, from information coming into the editorial offices of L'UNITA. The Station received the report on 1 October 1964.

"Luther KING, noted Protestant negro Pastor and 'leader' of the anti-racist movement in the United States, met with various leaders of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) on 18 September in Rome. In particular, KING conferred with PCI Senators Velio SPANO and Ugo BARTESAGHI, with PSI Deputy Lucio LUZZATO, and with Senator Paolo VITTORELLI of the Italian Socialist Party of Proletarian Unity. KING discussed with the above-named politicians the program of demonstrations against segregation in the United States, which are to be organized in Italy during the months immediately ahead."

2. The same report was also received from DEDICATOR/4 who has access to the DEPLENARY establishment and thus it is not considered as confirming the DEPLENARY/7 information.

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<p>3. Given the source of the above report, we view it with some reserve. In this connection, we noted the 19 September issue of L'UNITA, which reflected an article on KING's private audience with Pope Paul held the preceding day. According to L'UNITA, immediately after the audience, in St. Peter's Square, KING stated that "Pope Paul was most clear on the fact that both he, personally, and the Catholic Church support the cause of civil rights". The article also states that in a press conference held at Fiumicino Airport after the audience KING said, "The Pope will shortly make a public statement on racial segregation". We have no other information at this time.</p> <div data-bbox="307 614 1339 679" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <div data-bbox="893 685 1339 793" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 50px; width: 25%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"></div>		
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